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SUBJECT: RELIEF OF KAMPONG CHAM (U)
A. TOP SECRET EYES ONLY CJCS 16355 DEC 70.
1. (TS) THE INFORMATION YOU REQUESTED CONCERNING THE PLAN OF GENERAL TUI'S TO RELIEVE KAMPONG CHAM IS OUTLINED BELOW:
A. ESTIMATED TIME OF EXECUTION - 120800 DEC 70
B. CONCEPT OF THE OPERATION:
(1) PHASE I - ONE ARVN AIRBORNE BRIGADE MOVES BY AIR TO ESTABLISH AN AIRHEAD AT KAMPONG CHAM AIRFIELD (WU 4829) 12 DECEMBER 1970 (10 HOURS EXECUTION). ONE BN BY HELICOPTER, BRIGADE MINUS BY C130.
(2) PHASE II - ATTACK WITH 2 BATTALIONS, WEST ALONG ROUTE 7 TO LINK UP WITH FANK MOVING EAST FROM PREY TOTUNG (WU 2833).
(3) PHASE III - THE ARVN AIRBORNE BRIGADE CONDUCTS OPERATIOS TO ASSIST FANK UNITS IN SECURING RT 7 LOC, AND ESTABLISHING A FIRE SUPPORT BASE VICINITY JUNCTION OF 7 AND 21.
C. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ARVN TROOPS INVOLVED - 2300.
D. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT SORTIES:

	INITIAL	SUSTAINING
FW C130	33	8
UH-1	20	35
ARMED HEL	14	12
MED EVAC	4	8
CH-47	20	10

E. EXPECTED NVA/VC OPPOSITION - THREE POSSIBLY FOUR, REGIMENTS ARE LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL AREA. ESTIMATED CURRENT STRENGTH OF EACH REGIMENT IS 700, BUT SOME COULD POSSIBLY BE AS HIGH AS 1900 PER REGIMENT. INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT THE ENEMY COULD COUNTERATTACK ALONG ROUTE 7 WITH TWO REGIMENTS WITHIN TWELVE HOURS; AND WITH ELEMENTS OF AN ADDITIONAL ONE, OR POSSIBLY TWO, REGIMENTS WITHIN EIGHTEEN HOURS. EXPECTED ENEMY OPPOSITION IS TO CONDUCT DELAYING ACTION AND RENEW INTERDICTION ATTEMPTS UPON ARVN WITHDRAWAL.
F. ESTIMATED DURATION OF OPERATION - 10 DAYS.
G. EXPECTED FANK FOLLOW-UP - FANK FORCES ARE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN THE SECURITY OF HWY 7 FROM SKOUN TO PREY TOTUNG AND KAMPONG CHAM, ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRE BASE AT JUNCTION OF ROUTES 7 AND 21, AND EVENTUALLY EXPAND SECURITY OUTWARDS FROM ROUTE 7 LOC.
2. (TS) OPERATION OF AIRHEAD AT KAMPONG CHAM WILL REQUIRE USAF AIRHEAD TEAM OF 15 PERSONNEL. VNAF DOES NOT POSSESS THIS CAPABILITY.

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